



## Karen Doss Collins

July 6, 1953 - March 20, 2024

Karen Doss Collins, of Saline, passed away peacefully in her home Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at the age of 70. She was born in Wyandotte, Michigan on July 6, 1953 to the late Merlyn Kent Struble and the late Anne Therese Struble (Dame). Karen was a graduate of Farmington High School.

She worked in the insurance industry as a Customer Service Executive for 40 years for the Dobson-McOmber agency, bought by Hylant in 2005. Later she retired in 2021.

She married Robert L. Collins on December 9th, 1983. She and Robert each brought two children to the marriage. Karen's children are Eric Doss of Lansing and Theresa (Chris) Zahn, of Saline. Robert's children are James "Jim" (Sheryl) Collins of Upland, CA, and Tracy Bender of Portland, OR.

She was very active in the First Presbyterian Church of Saline. She taught Sunday School classes, sang in the choir, was in the Stephen Ministries, and many other facets of the Church.

Karen enjoyed playing the clarinet in the Saline New Horizons Band. She loved puzzles, cards, and any game with her grandkids. She loved reading. She also loved being outside; gardening, camping, canoeing, cross country skiing, and nature walks. Planning and organizing family vacations with her

kids and grandkids was another favorite of hers.

Survivors include her six siblings, James (Joann) Struble, Shirley Struble, Catherine (Michael) Leads, Francis (Nancy) Struble, Carl (Deborah) Struble, Michael (Gina) Struble, and two former sisters-in-law Shaun McGuire and Janice McHenry. Eleven Grandkids, Jeffrey (Brittany) Collins, Gregory Collins, Sunshine Bender, Eryn Collins, Alexis "Ace" Compton, Christopher Zahn, Shelby Compton, Avery Bender, Thomas Zahn, Elliott Doss, Olivia Doss. Six great-grandkids, Lincoln Collins, Samson Collins, Cassidy Collins, Nora Collins, Wyatt Moench and Lucy Moench, and many nieces and nephews.

Her loss is felt deeply by her family and the in-home caregivers who cared so well for her over the last two years.

Friends may join the family for a time of visitation on Wednesday, April 3rd, from 3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline. Visitation will continue on Thursday, April 4th at the First Presbyterian Church of Saline, from 10:00 A.M. until the time of Memorial Service at 11:00 A.M. Inurnment will take place in the Oakwood Cemetery Mausoleum following the service. A luncheon will also be held at the Church following the service. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions in her name may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Saline or Parkinson's Foundation. To leave a memory you have of Karen, to sign her guestbook, or for directions please visit [www.rbfhsaline.com](http://www.rbfhsaline.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

227 West Michigan Ave  
Saline, MI 48176

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 3. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
301 E Michigan Ave  
Saline, MI 48176  
(734) 429-9760  
rbfhsaline@hotmail.com  
<https://www.rbfhsaline.com>

## Visitation

APR 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Saline  
143 E. Michigan Avenue  
Saline, MI 48176  
<http://salinepres.org/>

## Memorial Service

APR 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Saline  
143 E. Michigan Avenue  
Saline, MI 48176  
<http://salinepres.org/>

## Luncheon

APR 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

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## Graveside Service

APR 4. 12:15 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Oakwood Cemetery  
227 West Michigan Ave  
Saline, MI 48176

# Tribute Wall

KH

“ I am so sorry for your family's loss Theresa. Sending prayers

Kaisa Hartman - April 04, 2024 at 10:47 AM

KD

“ Kitty Christmas Dever  
Karen and I were childhood friends  
We met at William Grace Elementary School and remained best friends throughout jr high and high school  
She even came on family vacations with me to FL. My entire family enjoyed her company. She had a ready smile and an agreeable personality. We separated during college but still remained close participating in each other's weddings  
So many beautiful memories of time shared together  
A random circumstance involving our brothers brought us back together 6 years ago and I'm so glad we were able to share this time together.  
Karen was always a joy to be with. I will miss our lunch dates and sharing family stories with her.  
She will be greatly missed by us all now but she is waiting for us with her Savior in heaven where we'll be together again

Kitty Christmas Dever - April 03, 2024 at 09:35 AM

CM

“ I worked with Karen for a few years at Hylant. She was so smart and was beloved by her clients and co-workers alike. My sympathies to her family.

Cindy Morrow - March 28, 2024 at 08:08 PM

AB

“ Karen and my mom Judy were very good fiends, my Mom passed away in 2022, I can't help but think they are having a heavenly reunion❤️

*I am so sorry for your loss.*

*Alicia DuCharme Baker*

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**alicia Baker** - March 26, 2024 at 02:11 PM

LW

“ I am sorry I will not be able to attend the funeral service as I will be out of the country that week. Karen was such a kind cousin. When my daughter moved to Ann Arbor to attend college, she went out of her way to invite her to church and help her feel welcome in a strange city. I will never forget her smile. May God bless and comfort you, Collins and Struble families.

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**Lynn Wallen** - March 26, 2024 at 10:37 AM

PL

“ Phil/Susan Leads sent a virtual gift in memory of Karen Doss Collins



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**Phil/Susan Leads** - March 25, 2024 at 03:14 PM

BJ

“ Dear Bob and family. Jay and I have such fond memories of our times bowling with you and Karen at Maplewood on the Friday evening league. It was something we looked forward to at the end of our work weeks. We are sending you all abundant peace and hope that during this time of your families coming together that there is comfort for all of you knowing that Karen was loved and had a lasting impact on the lives she touched. My mom, Mieke, also a member of the church, often talked about the kindness shown to her by Karen. May her legacy of caring and kindness continue on through the lives of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. May she rest in eternal peace.

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**Betty Jahnke** - March 25, 2024 at 11:29 AM

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“ Dear Theresa, such sad news. I missed seeing her walk along Harris. She always had a great attitude and a smile and kind word for everyone. I hope you'll be able to find peace with her passing and that same smile with memories. You have my prayers  
Carol Dailey

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**Carol Dailey (Lossing)** - March 24, 2024 at 03:47 PM



“ Dear Bob and family,

*such shocking and sad news this morning. There is/was no kinder person on planet earth than Karen. Karen and Bob were such a lovely couple, they exemplified to all what a good marriage should be. Karen would always make you feel welcome upon seeing her because of her smile and "kind eyes". Karen's voice was so beautiful, it was always a treat when she sang the occasional solo for the choir during a church service. Sending my love and prayers to you Bob and family.*

*Carter Bishop III*

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**Carter Bishop** - March 24, 2024 at 09:43 AM



“ *I got to know Karen when my husband and I joined the Saline Presbyterian church in 1998. Such a beautiful person, inside and out! She led so many of the church's programs and invited us to join some of them along the way. Her dedication and discipline in what she did left an impression on people around her. Her generosity with her time and talents was incomparable. You will be missed, Karen. May you rest in peace.*

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**wilsy Philips** - March 23, 2024 at 06:10 PM